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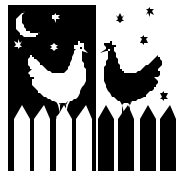
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week are trending unchanged to higher, mostly unchanged. Trade sentiment was generally steady to at times fully steady in the West. Demand covered the full range with best interest for retail ads and fast food with increases in movement expected as first of the month and Labor Day approaches. Supplies were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, wings continued to dominate interest with supplies well cleared. Breast items and dark meat was at least adequate or available with mixed demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were irregular, mostly desirable.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 08/27-09/01/01 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	51.00-56.00	51.00-68.50	54.50	26
Los Angeles	71.00			
New York	55.00-57.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	65.00-66.00	52.00-68.00	65.80	81

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 66.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
697	58.75-67.75	65.67
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	212.50	1,218
BREASTS - B/S	161.00	4,088
BREASTS - WHOLE	78.50	1,088
THIGH MEAT - B/S	92.50	670
LEG QUARTERS	34.50	7,938
WINGS	101.00	2,868

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged from Monday's final. Whole fryer trade sentiment was steady. Additional offerings were limited with buyers watching and waiting for further market developments. Retail demand was slow to fair at best. Movement into food service accounts was mostly moderate to fairly good with fast food promotions stimulating consumer interest. Floor stocks were adequate with sizes mixed. Trading on parts remained sluggish on most items, although inquires for leg quarters increased for Labor Day holiday ads. Supplies of wings were barely adequate with spot shortages reported, leg quarters in close balance and breast items fully sufficient for trade needs. The trade sentiment was fully steady, undertone firm on wings, balance of items steady.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand entering the weekend was light to fair, best for ads. Food service was seasonally fair to good, best for fast food specials. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, wings were in the tightest position with a continuous active call. Breast items and dark meat was at least adequate or available and moving. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was steady to fully steady. Trading reported for next week's deliveries on regular commitments at generally unchanged prices with new negotiations at unchanged to higher prices. Offerings adequate overall. Buying interest improved where first-of-the-month and up-coming Labor day needs expected to increase. Retail demand was fairly good. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 89, whole cut-up 118, boneless breasts 178-399 (IQF 4# bag 899), boneless leg meat 98-129, split breasts 99-179, whole legs 89-99, leg quarters 10# bag 490-590, thighs 69-99 (IQF 4# bag 316), drumsticks 69-99 (IQF 4# bag 316), drumettes 229, livers 139, kabobs 599; Northern California - whole body 129-149, cornish hens 189, roasters 119, boneless breasts 299-499, split breasts 159, boneless thigh meat IQF 4# 699; Arizona - cornish hens 2 for 500, roasters 99-149, boneless breasts 179-249 (IQF 4# 769 and 2.5# 539), split breasts 99-179, leg quarters 79-99 and 10# bag 499, thighs 69-99, drumsticks 69-99.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair entering the weekend. Offerings of the 3-pound and heavier sizes were at least adequate. The smaller sizes were generally sufficient. Movement into retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate, best where seasonal activity continued. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were at least adequate. Boneless skinless breasts were adequate. Dark meat items were sufficient. Wings were about adequate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate with buyers generally keeping orders in close balance with anticipated needs for the weekend. Offerings were adequate and in fairly good balance on the 3 pound and smaller sizes; fully adequate on the heavier weights. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable. Processing schedules included some spot operations on Saturday and were moderately heavy in total. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 57 to 71 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, supplies were adequate for immediate needs.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.	
BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	56-73
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	60.42
NO. OF BOXES	12,828
CUMULATIVE	08/20/01-08/24/01 60.41
	08/21/00-08/25/00 52.86
NO. OF BOXES	08/20/01-08/24/01 66,052
	08/21/00-08/25/00 54,839

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

AUG 23

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

AUG 24

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	888	146.00-215.00	155-160	162.76	966	144.00-215.00	147-155	159.02	4,442	161.08
TENDERLOINS	960	140.00-240.00	145	147.60	1,022	140.00-240.00	145	149.43	5,066	149.89
BREAST - LINE RUN	88	80.00-85.00	81-83	80.80	123	80.00-86.00	81-83	81.75	553	79.93
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				350	76.60
LEGS	181	42.00-56.00	44-47	44.43	166	42.00-56.00	43-45	44.61	891	44.77
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	402	29.50-33.00	31-32	31.06	482	29.00-33.00	31-32	31.46	2,127	31.26
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,316	33.00-36.00	34-35	34.16	1,396	33.00-36.00	34-35	34.18	6,340	34.15
WINGS (WHOLE)	282	102.00-108.00	102-104	102.74	282	102.00-109.00	102-104	102.87	1,452	100.65
WINGS (CUT)	424	111.00-123.00	113-115	114.55	544	112.00-124.00	113-115	115.30	2,578	114.10
DRUMSTICKS	102	48.00-56.00	-	49.58	82	49.00-56.00	-	50.33	473	50.20
THIGHS	42	47.00-56.00	-	49.21	62	48.00-56.00	-	49.55	296	49.56
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				135	95.56

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR AUG 23, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.

**TODAY'S
AVERAGE**

50.50 - 57.50

53.91

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR AUG 24, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.

**TODAY'S
AVERAGE**

50.00 - 57.50

**TODAY'S
AVERAGE**

53.98

**5-DAY
AVERAGE**

53.93

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity increased entering the weekend and was mostly moderate overall. Offerings of breast items were at least adequate. Dark meat items were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were in close balance and well cleared. Retail and distributive movement continued fair to fairly good, best for scattered promotional activity. The market tone was fully steady on wings, generally steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

AUG 23

CURRENT NEG**WTD**

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	155	163.01	465,642
TENDERLOINS	135	140.40	126,080
BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75	78.40	397,600
BREAST - LINE RUN	74	76.25	144,000
LEGS	42-43	46.25	225,440
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	31-32	32.07	680,437
DRUMSTICKS	40-41	46.90	145,110
THIGHS	37-38	45.84	122,830
B/S THIGHS	89-90	92.21	91,280
WINGS (WHOLE)	93-94	102.67	358,000
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.24	96,200
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.86	121,000
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	54.95	155,240

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

CURRENT NEG**WTD**

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	155162.07	549,440	160.90	2,812,032	
TENDERLOINS	135139.71	149,993	139.67	640,143	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-7579.61	303,520	79.72	1,703,960	
BREAST - LINE RUN	7474.36	138,600	76.10	631,656	
LEGS	42-4345.64	295,960	46.37	1,252,240	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	31-3232.37	567,003	32.27	3,188,701	
DRUMSTICKS	40-4144.96	192,900	46.52	796,970	
THIGHS	37-3845.48	136,070	45.16	707,770	
B/S THIGHS	89-9093.28	82,400	92.38	430,790	
WINGS (WHOLE)	93-94102.28	398,640	101.54	1,996,945	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-1212.04	101,000	12.06	470,040	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-3539.75	136,480	39.77	623,615	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-5054.99	172,640	54.91	800,990	

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG		AVG	
	08/24	08/23	08/22	08/21	WTS	08/22	08/21	WTS
ALA	4,364	4,107	3,885	3,906	5.03	5.02	4,267	4.96
ARK	5,573	5,281	4,883	5,161	4.90	4.95	4,982	4.77
DELMARVA	2,525	2,298	2,366	2,310	4.98	5.01	2,488	5.05
KY-LA-TN	2,184	2,014	2,003	1,966	4.45	4.52	2,167	4.39
MISS	3,049	2,857	2,875	2,671	5.01	4.99	2,957	4.98
NC	2,701	2,598	2,504	2,499	5.82	5.93	2,742	5.86
TEXAS	2,507	2,412	2,404	2,391	4.76	4.80	2,353	4.73
TOTAL	22,903	21,567	20,920	20,904	5.00	5.03	21,956	4.96

MON-FRI108,929(A)

106,816(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 24-Aug 01 and 25-Aug-01 is estimated to be 34,265,000 up 4.00 percent from a week ago and down 2.2 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,947,000; last year 35,047,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 25-Aug-01 is estimated to be 156,510,000 head down 1.8 percent from a week ago, and down 2.6 percent from a year ago (Last week 159,302,000 Last year 160,646,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
(L.A. AREA)**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	87-89
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 96-98
	DRY PACK 97-105
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 104-113
	DRY PACK 113-123
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK 91
	ICE PACK 98
DUCKS	152-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending August 11, 2001 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up

	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	31,288	30,947	39,126
Avg Weight	3.74	4.73	6.03
% of total /1	31%	31%	39%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	31,686	34,132	42,473
Avg Weight	3.75	4.70	5.96
% of total /1	29%	32%	39%
Same week, yr ago /2	38,353	38,735	38,866
Avg Weight	3.72	4.77	5.98
% of total /1	33%	33%	34%
To date/2001	1,041,967	874,296	1,413,267
To date/2000	1,060,274	1,063,462	1,306,853

1/ May not total to 100% due to rounding.

2/ Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 18-Aug-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	159,302(A)	1,795	1,466	3,261	458
AVG WT	5.10	3.35	8.11	5.49	6.71
LAST WEEK	157,545	1,571	1,513	3,084	564
SAME WK YR AGO	158,583	1,815	1,526	3,341	445
AVG WT	4.83	3.48	7.90	5.50	6.59
TO-DATE/2001	5,059,009	58,236	45,364	103,600	16,471
TO-DATE/2000	5,111,111	64,400	47,447	111,847	14,672

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 159.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 161.2 million head or 2.1 million head more than or 101 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: AUGUST 21, 2001

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.30 - 1.78	Silkie	2.00 - 3.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.10 - 1.44	Geese	
Pekin Ducks	.20 - .32	9-14 LBS	.20 - .36
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.40 - .62	Pigeons	2.00 - 2.75ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.60 - .94	White Pigeons	3.00 - 3.25ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.60 - 1.10	Rabbits	
Crossbred Roosters		4-6 LBS	.70 - 1.10
4-6 LBS	.40 - 1.10	Rabbits	
Crossbred Roosters		7-11 LBS	.70 - .94
7-11 LBS	.40 - .94	Bunnies	1.00 - 5.50ea.
Banty Roosters	3.50 -7.50ea.	Guinea Pigs	.25 - 3.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.50 -4.00ea.	Kid Goats	20.00 -32.00ea.
Leghorn Hens	.18 - .24	Doves	4.00 - 6.00ea.
Leghorn Roosters	.10 - .24	Pullets 4-6 LBS	.50 - .72

Total Coops Sold 760

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 20-AUG-2001

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	122-126	123-127
MOSTLY		

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	68-69
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	63-85 65-75

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices remained unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand moderate to instances good. Sizes were desirable. Slaughter schedules were full-time to at times over-time in anticipation of the upcoming Labor Day holiday. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$5.00-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.38, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, livers at \$.50-1.50, and feet at \$.90-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 20-AUG-2001

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	116-124	125
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

		MILLION HEAD	MILLION HEAD		
WEEK ENDING		SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
JULY	14	160.0	158.6	101	5.06
	21	160.4	159.5	101	4.96
	28	160.0	160.8	100	4.79
AUGUST	4	158.9	160.6	99	5.09
	11	159.5	159.2	100	5.90
	18	161.2	159.1	101	5.10
YEAR TO DATE		5,120.5	5,100.5	100	
AUGUST	25		156.4		
SEPTEMBER	1		154.5		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	08/25/01	08/18/01	% CHG	08/26/00	% CHG
Broilers	156,510	159,302	-02	160,646	-03
Cattle	725	707	+03	729	-01
Hogs	1,799	1,802	0	1,889	-05
Under Federal Inspection					
* ACTUAL					

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Majority prices were generally unchanged on light and heavy canners, when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were at least adequate on light canners, adequate on the heavies. Demand was light moderately good. The undertone was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
23-25 MAJORITY	30-38 MAJORITY 31-32

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
24.5-28.25 MAJORITY 24.5-25	32-40 MAJORITY 32-33

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was mostly light and unaggressive for the fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were reported as normal. Canners movement was moderate with offerings more than sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand for hens was light with offerings easily covering sales needs. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Demand light for the ample offerings of spent fowl. Rendering operators absorbed as many additional birds as schedules allowed. Slaughter schedules full-time for next week. Trade sentiment about steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked full slaughter schedules. Demand was fairly good. Offerings in good balance.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)

<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0-0	(1)
Eastern Light	0-0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0	(2)
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was light to moderate for the fully adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to heavy. Canner supplies were adequate but generally sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was mostly steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report. Demand was no better than moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

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